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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

[claims copied from previous response]

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for managing security risk, the method comprising:

setting, in a computer storage, a hierarchical relationship between two or more elements comprising an entity wherein a first element comprises a physical facility and a second element subordinate to the first element comprises one of a facility, a resource, and an asset located at the physical facility of the first element;

receiving into the computer storage on a real time basis an indication of a security risk associated with one or more of the first or second elements, wherein the indication of a security risk comprises at least one of: a potential for physical, reputational, economic or legal harm and is received from government agency or a news feed;

receiving digital data into the computer storage from the government agency or news feed[();], wherein the digital data is descriptive of the security risk;

receiving into the computer storage an indication of a first selection of one of the first or the second elements;

transmitting via a computer processor coupled to a communication network apparatus, the digital data descriptive of the security risk as it relates to the first selected element , based upon the hierarchical relationship of the first and the second elements and the indication of the security risk;

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receiving into the computer storage an indication of a second selection of one of the first or the second elements, wherein the second selection is different than the first selection; and

transmitting via the computer processor coupled to a communication network apparatus, the digital data descriptive of the security risk as it relates to the second selected element, based upon the hierarchical relationship of the first and the second elements and the indication of the security risk, thereby providing a mechanism for a user to traverse between the first and second elements based on the hierarchical relationship between the two or more elements.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a list of resources associated with the first selected element and the second selected element.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the description of the security risk as it relates to the one or more of the first and second selected elements selected comprises at least one of: a threat of physical harm to an asset; a threat of misappropriation of an asset; and a threat of physical harm to one or more persons.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the description of the security risk as it relates to the element selected comprises misappropriation of information comprising data stored in a computerized information system.

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6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting, via a computer processor coupled to a communication network, a subjective quantifier descriptive of an amount of harm that could be caused by the security risk.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting, via a computer process coupled to a communication network, a subjective quantifier descriptive of a time frame during which harm, caused by the security risk, could be experienced by an associated element.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the hierarchical relationship between the two or more elements comprises a progressively greater or lesser resolution ranging from a country level resolution to a room level resolution.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving into the computer storage an image of an element and transmitting the image with the description of the security risk as it relates to the first selected element and the second selected element.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: color coding elements and associated risks with a computer processor and storing and indication of the coded elements and associated risks in the computer storage, according to at least one of: a degree of risk, a type of risk, a type of element; a value of assets involved and propensity for the risk to grow.

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11 - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A computerized system for managing security risk, the system comprising:

a computer server accessible with a system access device via a communications network; and

executable software stored on the server and executable on demand, the software operative with the server to cause the server to:

set a hierarchical relationship in a computer storage between two or more elements comprising an entity wherein a first element comprises a physical facility and a second element subordinate to the first element comprises one of a facility, a resource, and an asset located at the physical facility of the first element;

receive into the computer storage an indication of a security risk associated with one or more of the first or second elements wherein the indication of a security risk comprises at least one of: a potential for physical, reputational, economic or legal harm and is received from government agency or a news feed;

receive digital data into the computer memory from the government agency or news feed, wherein the digital data is descriptive of the security risk;

receive into the computer storage an indication of a first selection of one of the first or the second elements; and

transmit via a computer processor coupled to a communication network, the data descriptive of the security risk as it relates to the first selected element, based upon the hierarchical relationship of elements and the indication of the security risk;

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receive into the computer storage an indication of a second selection of one of the first or the second elements, wherein the second selection is different than the first selection; and

transmit via the computer processor coupled to a communication network apparatus, the digital data descriptive of the security risk as it relates to the second selected element, based upon the hierarchical relationship of the first and the second elements and the indication of the security risk, thereby providing a mechanism for a user to traverse between the first and second elements based on the hierarchical relationship between the two or more elements.

16. (Currently amended) Computer executable program code residing on a computer-readable medium, the program code comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

set a hierarchical relationship in a computer storage between two or more elements comprising an entity wherein a first element comprises a physical facility and a second element subordinate to the first element comprises a one of a facility, a resource, and an asset located at the physical facility of the first element;

receive into the computer storage on a real time basis an indication of a security risk associated with one or more of the first or second elements wherein the indication of a security risk comprises at least one of: a potential for physical, reputational, economic or legal harm and is received from government agency or a news feed;

receive digital data into the computer memory from the government agency or news feed, wherein the digital data is descriptive of the security risk;

receive into the computer storage an indication of a first selection of one of the first or the second elements; and

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transmit via a computer processor coupled to a communication network, the data descriptive of the security risk as it relates to the first selected element, based upon the hierarchical relationship of elements and the indication of the security risk;

receive into the computer storage an indication of a second selection of one of the first or the second elements, wherein the second selection is different than the first selection; and

transmit via the computer processor coupled to a communication network apparatus, the digital data descriptive of the security risk as it relates to the second selected element, based upon the hierarchical relationship of the first and the second elements and the indication of the security risk, thereby providing a mechanism for a user to traverse between the first and second elements based on the hierarchical relationship between the two or more elements.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)